Serial No.: 09/820,854

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the second paragraph on page 29 as follows:

--First, while 5 ml or more of a sample solution was being injected in the funnel 3 for trapping the sample solution, the computer 9 sent an open signal to the electromagnetic valve 4, thereby starting the dropping of the sample solution trapped in the funnel 3 into the sample cell 1 at 0.5 ml/sec. While sending this open signal, the computer 9 was set to be on standby for verifying the amount of the sample solution when the output signal S from the photosensor 8 had become the [[fifth]] sixth predetermined value or less. For example, it was set to be on standby for verifying the amount of the sample solution when the output signal S had become 0.5 V or less in FIG. 2.--